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A POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE LETTER

Responses to Reviewer 1’s comment:

1. Abstract: background section, line 18, page 2: ‘in’ was deleted.
2. Background section, line 51, page 2: comma deleted.
3. Background section, line 63, page 2: reference was included.
4. Background section, line 81, page 3: comma deleted.
5. Background section, line 86, page 3: ( ) was replaced with [ ].
6. Background section, line 87, page 3: comma deleted.
Response to reviewer 2’s comments:

1. The data were barely three years old. The data were collected in 2013. Although the estimated population of pregnant women was that of 2012, the actual sample size was drawn from pregnant women, who attended antenatal from July, 2013 to December, 2013. Usually the population of pregnant women at the time of data collection is unknown; therefore
estimates of previous months or years could be used depending on the length of time for data collection.

2. The cited literatures were scientific literatures. A literature may be old by date; but the information it contains may not be old. Valid and useful information can still be extracted from literature irrespective of the age of the literature.

3. As stated in the manuscript, discussion section, lines 318-323, page 13, the major strength of this study lies in the fact that it is the fundamental CAM study among pregnant women that included other classes of CAM and not just limited to herbal medicine. The interviewer administered questionnaire ensured completeness of data with 100% return rate. However, the findings of this study are limited and may not be generalized to all pregnant women in Nigeria. This is because the study setting and sample size do not form a national representative sample of pregnant women in Nigeria.